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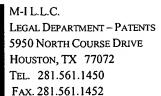
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

The following is in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed 07/27/2005, for which the three-month date for response is 10/25/2005.

Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the required two-month extension of time fee or any other necessary fees, from Deposit Account No. 13-3082, Order No. PA-00412US.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT - CONFIRMATION OF ELECTION:

Applicants hereby confirm the oral election of Group I (Claims 1-22 and 31-34) without traverse.